

Chan

2 brothers -

I we don't know: yet he is quickly definable: Comm:
his career is a piece -

But Chan: ex-male, ex-VM, ex-Bao Dai/French,
ex-ARVN, ex-CIA collaborator,

Has worked with & against:

Coms

French

Buddhs

Catholics

US: MACV

CIA

Has been involved

(not "attendant")

Critic of those who bring about unhappiness, given conflict:

(Ho, Tru Quang; GVN, US)

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yet: good intentions

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VNese

ambiguous figure; ironies;

opportunistic, "flexible" -
or rigid, proud, unapologetic;

Who is Tran Ngoc Chan? Who were we, who

believed in him? (Years later, rather, effects can be

seen more clearly, notions grasped differently).

"Chan is a Comm."

Chan

"Wanted money"

(Anger of Chan;
Phillips: wouldn't work for pay;

"Foreign-born leaders"

but he himself...

How do you come to think you know someone?

Watch him talk

make choices

support of others; respect of others

sweet; balance risks; wet under pressure

instinctual reaction: What makes him angry,

depressed, ashamed, afraid...? Happy?

What was Chan? What was he going?

Yet his life shows pattern; a clearly recognizable career.
type, as seen by VNeer.

I Not Com

II Not (yet) "Third Force" or attentist
(Sects, Budds, intellectuals)

III Local foreigner?

IV or patriotic collaborator with SO/French, Americans.

~~So~~ Were we — the Brotherhood — right in
thinking that hope lay with IV (while US
bureaucracy lay with III)? Or ~~with~~ were
those who accepted US role — just like
corrupt IV — betrayers of their country, ultimately?

Does future depend on those who reject
US influence and "help", demand their
self-reliance? Role of III may be

^{power}
(Ideally for US: III-IV alliance, even — to end war —

II-III-IV. But IV repels III (still near, II);
and US is drawn to IV, somewhat repels (high US levels) III.)

Cham:

Reasons (+ US knowledge)
VNese experience (+ US failure)

Polit. evolution : Division : no legitimacy
gang/Robin
revelt... out

Negots

T group ans :

VNZ : I "Nothing wrong with them"

II leaving VN with you worth our sacrifice
and able to survive, fight, negot or coexist
without us.

will not extricate: nor justify. ~~More~~ Current policy:

Endless war; endless participation to support
unpopular die.

Cham in prison till "peace" (i.e. end of US support).

Maybe 2 years; maybe 6 months.

Maybe he will serve his sentence - which
is also ours. Maybe we will be prisoners
of ~~the~~ the war in VN for another decade, and
Cham stay with us.

1. Story of Cham: ② 1924-50 VM

1950-61 GVN B.D. / Dem / ARVN

1962-66 US Kim Hoa / Dem / Vay Zau

1967-70 NA - Buddha-Hin (Mme. Jhu)

2. Cham + Him; Vann + C/A.

3. Cham + C/A : 1966

4. Cham arrest : 1969-70.

(Vann; DE²; Sacks; Ex)

Bunker; Jhu)

April

June

Fall

Dec

Feb

5. Cham ideas:

- Pac : CG
Blue ones
Code
Self-defense } motivation
Participation }

- Democracy: village Press Councils
Saigon
NA
dignity (non-US puppet)

- US role: ideal, actual

- Comm

- Negot / ceasefire / NLF

6. honies.

7. ~~My~~ Anecdotes:

sandals

beret

charts (critique in Saigon)

LA airport

Nostalgia; self-doubt.

N. G. Hien

8. Impact, significance

9. (Parallels: Diemien

Isao

Dan

Views of Thai)

10. hints of Chan, and his approach.

Agencies: Chan, Thai People in-between

(against "local foreigners" :)

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